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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Margaret E. Black  
Application No. : 09/173,463  
Filed : October 14, 1998  
For : THYMIDINE KINASE MUTANTS AND FUSION PROTEINS  
HAVING THYMIDINE KINASE AND GUANYLATE KINASE  
ACTIVITIES

Examiner : Christian L. Fronda  
Art Unit : 1652  
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